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SUBJ: SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE

REF: USDOC 10844, USDOC 9467

1. CONFERENCE IS BEING PLANNED BY DR. FAWAZ ALAMY,
PROFESSOR AT KING ABDULAZIZ UNIVERSITY (KAU), JIDDA
AND ASSOCIATE OF PRIVATE FIRM, IDEA CENTER, SUITE
811, QUEEN'S BUILDING, P.O. BOX 1999, JIDDA, TELEX:
40170 SJ, CABLE: MOHANDISZ Aidan, PHONE 21999.

2. CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE AT KAU THIRD WEEK OF
JANUARY 1978 FOR FIVE DAYS, INCLUDING TWO DAYS FIELD
TRIPS, E.G. TO DESALINATION PROJECTS. PRINCE
MOHAMED AL FAISAL, GOVERNOR OF SALINE WATER CONVER-
SION CORPORATION, JIDDA, HAS AGREED TO BE CONFERENCE
PRESIDENT. DR. ALAMY PLANS TO INVITE SEVERAL AMERICAN,
FRENCH, GERMAN AND BRITISH AS WELL AS ARAB AND ISLAMIC
SPECIALISTS ON SOLAR ENERGY TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE,
ALL EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY KAU. AMERICANS MAY
INCLUDE WILLIAM DUFF, DEPARTMENT MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, EDWARD
LUMSDAINE, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY; AND
PROFESSORS FROM GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
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KNOWN,) OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS CAN PARTICIPATE
AT OWN EXPENSE IF DRAFT SPEECHES ARE APPROVED BY
DR. ALAMY. FIVE HUNDRED ATTENDEES, PRIMARILY
BUSINESSMEN, ARE EXPECTED.

3. DR. ALAMY ALSO INVITES COMPANIES OR INVENTORS
TO DISPLAY PRODUCTS, MODELS, ETC., AT ADHOC EXHI-
BITION SITE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT KAU PREFAB CLASS-

ROOM FACILITIES. DETAILS OF SHIPPING, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, KAU VS EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITIES, ETC., HAVE YET TO BE FORMULATED.

4. DR. ALAMY IS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING SUBJECTS TO BE FEATURED AT CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

A) APPLIED TECHNOLOGY (PARTICULARLY FOR AIR CONDITIONING AND DESALINATION; OR AS DR. ALAMY STATED, DIRECT RATHER THAN INDIRECT CONVERSION OF SOLAR INTO THERMAL ENERGY). HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN WINDPOWER AS RELATED TO SOLAR ENERGY AND AS SEPARATE ENERGY SOURCE;

B) OPERATIONS RESEARCH TO COMPUTE BEST SOURCE(S) OF ENERGY AS RELATED TO DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS(E.G. ARID SAUDI ENVIRONMENT);

C) STORAGE OF ENERGY;

D) DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY OF SOLAR COLLECTORS;

E) AGRICULTURAL USES OF SOLAR ENERGY;

F) USE OF SOLAR ENERGY IN ELECTRICAL POWER OPERATION.

5. DR. ALAMY SAID AT MOMENT THERE ARE 12 SCHOLARS IN SAUDI ARABIA CONCERNED WITH SOLAR ENERGY, OF WHICH SIX ARE AT KAU. FIVE ARE EGYPTIANS ALN ALAMY IS ONLY SAUDI INVOLVED IN SUBJECT. THERE ARE THREE PROFESSORS EACH AT RIYADH UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, DHAHRAN, DR. ALAMY HOPES SET UP SOLAR RESEARCH CENTER AT KAU BY JANUARY 1978.

6. DR. ALAMY WILL SUPPLY POST WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDING CONFERENCE/EXHIBITION BROCHURES UNCLASSIFIED

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AND INVITATIONS, WHEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH AND PRINTED. HE ASKS FOR OUR HELP IN PROMOTING EVENT ADN FOR USIS SUPPORT (SEPTTEL).

7. IN OCTOBER 1978, ACCORDING TO ALAMY, RIYADH UNIVERSITY PLANS SPONSOR ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY (IN GENERAL). CATALYST FOR THIS IS DR. SAYGH, HEAD OF RIYADH UNIVERSITY'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, WHO ALSO HAS INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY.

8. ACTION REQUESTED:

A) USDOC PLEASE DISSEMINATE TO INTERESTED U.S. FIRMS;

B) WHILE EMBASSY DOES NOT RECOMMEND FORMAL COMMERCE-SPONSORED EXHIBITION AT EVENT, COMMERCE MAY WICH CONSIDER LINKING PLANNED JANUARY 1978 ELECTRICAL POWER TRADE MISSION TO EVENT TO PERMIT INTERESTED MISSION MEMBERS

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